GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF WHEAT AND IMPORT OF MAIZE
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed a complete ban on export of wheat and allowed free imports of maize;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) the total quantity of demand and supply of maize in the country during the current financial year;

(d) whether the Government had made any attempt to import wheat during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the demand and supply of maize and wheat in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Export of Wheat has been prohibited till 31-12-2007 vide Notification No.44(RE-2006)/2004-2009 dated 9th February, 2007. Import of Maize has been made free till 31.12.2007 vide Notification No.43(RE-2006)/2004-2009 dated 09.02.2007.

(c) to (f): Estimates vary depending upon domestic availability. The Government has made FCI and STC to import Wheat during the current financial year.